

REMARKS

Status of Claims:

Claims 1-18 are pending in the application.

Sec. 112 Rejection:

Claims 17 and 18 stand rejected under 35 USC 112, Par. 1, as not being enabled.

Telephone Call with Examiner:

The examiner is thanked for the courtesy extended during the course of the interview held on August 23, 2004. During the interview, the examiner indicated that he recently sent out an office action explaining that he had rejected claim 17 for lack of support in the written description concerning the language of the paragraph amended herein. While applicant had not at that time received a copy of the office action, the undersigned discussed with the examiner changes to the language of claim 17 which would be acceptable and place the application in condition for allowance.

Claim 17 has now been changed in conformity with the discussions with the examiner during the interview. Claim 18 depends on claim 17 and is deemed to be allowable with the instant changes to claim 17.

There are not further outstanding issues in the application.

Conclusion:

It is thus submitted that all outstanding issues have been resolved and that the instant application is in condition for allowance and an early indication of same is earnestly solicited.

The Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge any additional fees which may be required regarding this application under 37 C.F.R. §§ 1.16-1.17, or credit any overpayment, to Deposit Account No. 19-0741. Should no proper payment be enclosed herewith, as by a check being in the wrong amount, unsigned, post-dated, otherwise improper or informal or even entirely missing, the Commissioner is authorized to charge the unpaid amount to

Deposit Account No. 19-0741. If any extensions of time are needed for timely acceptance of papers submitted herewith, Applicant hereby petitions for such extension under 37 C.F.R. §1.136 and authorizes payment of any such extensions fees to Deposit Account No. 19-0741.

Respectfully submitted,

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